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BUREAU OF THE FISCAL SERVICE
WASHINGTON, DC 20227

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MuckRock News
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RE: FOIA #2018-11-072 **follow-up**

Sent via email at: 63671-91261506@requests.muckrock.com

Dear Sirs:

This is in response to your **follow-up** email that was received in our office on December 11, 2018, which stated:

- "1. The JFPS website lacks data before 2006, which is included in my request (as the request has no time limit).
2. The JFPS website lacks important data for many payments, e.g. the payee(s), case name / docket #, AUSA(s), authorizing entity, etc., which would be included in the documents stated in my request.

Since you have not addressed the bulk of my request A, and none of parts B–D, I ask that you please do so."

After further review of your request, we have determined that you have met the threshold to "reasonably describe" the records. Fiscal Service publishes records that are publicly available and are responsive to much of the data you have questioned. However, the scope of your request is too broad based on the practicalities of assessing the records and processing them for the reasons described below:

The *current* database involved in accessing these records maintains records dated back to April 2008. This database maintains fields such as: Defendant Agency Name, Docket Number, Jurisdiction, Court Jurisdiction, Defendant Agency File Number, Submitting Agency File Number, control Number, Payment ID Number, payment Sent Date, Principal Amount, Principal Citation Code, Principal Citation Code Description, Attorney Fees Amount, Attorney Fees Citation Code, Attorney Fees Citation Code Description, Cost Amount, Cost Citation Code, Cost Citation Code Description, Interest Amount, Interest Citation Code, Interest Citation Code Description, Confirmed Payment Amount, and Reimbursable. All of the information in these fields are readily available for query by the public located at: <https://jfund.fiscal.treasury.gov/jfradSearchWeb>. Fiscal Service follows all data retention protocol for both paper and electronic records. All other records dated prior to 2008 meeting

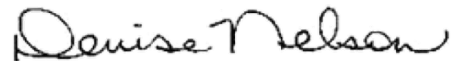
data retention guidelines are in an older database that would need to be restored and/or are in paper form and located off-site.

You have indicated in your initial request that you are willing to negotiate the scope of your request and consider a limitation premised on the difficulty of finding particular records....paper vs electronic, etc. Therefore, the purpose of this letter is to seek your agreement to a search of our *current* database, with the fields described above, understanding that even with this more narrowed scope it will still produce a voluminous amount of records, require additional resources to process, and add a *minimum* 60-workday extension to our response time.

Please respond, via email, if you are agreeable to the details outlined above, at your earliest convenience.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter and will continue processing your request upon receipt of your reply. If we do not hear from you within 14 workdays, from the date of this letter; we will close your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Denise Nelson
Co-Disclosure Officer

cc: FOIA Files